



Operations Coordinator

Once again another busy year with shopper buses, school work, outings, group hire, MediBus work and we moved house!

We welcomed this year, as a volunteer, John Law, or as he is known in the office...Middle John... because we already have a Big John and a Little John! John used to help out at the Sobriety Centre. Welcome aboard sir and thank you. We said au revoir to Suzanne, who is taking time off to explore places in their caravan. Barry also decided to take some time out to spend with Joanne and the family. Sheila also put the office work on hold but continued to help us with fundraising.

Volunteer hours were slightly down on last year at **2117**, but that is still an amazing amount of work. Thank you one and all, we couldn't do it without you. We said goodbye to our staff driver...Andy Scott. He has moved on to pastures new and will be driving bigger buses. We did welcome...Stuart Ross who has joined us to take over from Mr Scott

We continued to offer the ERYC MiBus shopper service on a Friday to our Snaith/Rawcliffe area residents. There are still GoFar shopper buses on a Wednesday, Thursday(fortnightly) and Friday in Howdenshire. Also on a Friday, there is a hail and ride service going through villages between North Cave and Sancton to Market Weighton. The ERYC service to Selby on a Monday re-started with GoFar. The hail and ride service we operate on a Tuesday travelling through villages from Holme on Spalding Moor coming into Goole is still very popular and includes Hook. We continued to provide the Howden Town shopper service, taking people to the Co-Op.

The Saturday "outings" for the Howdenshire area continued, but for operational reasons, were moved to every other Thursday, some had to be cancelled due to low numbers, but were generally well supported.

Goole member outings still proved popular, which this year included lunches, shopping, Afternoon Tea's and Garden Centre visits

We still operate our three school contracts that generate valuable income for us, with buses going to Bubwith, Howden and Reedness schools

Our group hire work has kept us busy with the buses going off to the coast, garden centres, museums and other places of interest. We still operate the MediBus service for the ERYC

Fundraising: We had fantastic donations of **£831** from Heptonstalls Solicitors as we were their chosen charity for a second year and the Lodge of St Michael gave us **£500**. Our members also donated and we have to say a massive thank you to everyone for this.

On the 6th December, Roger Barford organised a "night" at the old Goole Club and raised a magnificent **£700**. Thanks to all who made the night a success.

In other news this year.... We moved (again) Our offices and compound on Bridge Street were required by ABP so...we found a compound in Carlisle Street...and with the help of Simon Birchall, two former freezer containers and an "Iceland" van were found and Simon converted them into offices and storage for us.

We were also Finalists in the Goole & Howdenshire Business Excellence Awards, we didn't win but it was nice to be recognised for the work we do in the community

Sadly, again this year we have to report that some of our GoFar members have passed away, they will be missed by everyone

The year ahead? As I type this up, in March the COVID 19 pandemic hit our shores and who knows what will happen. Be assured we will (if we are able) be there to support our local community in any way we can. There will definitely be a new website coming at some point too

As always thanks have to go to my "Work Fam" as the saying goes. It's a pleasure to come in every (most) days and an honour to serve alongside such an amazing bunch of people

See you all next year

Andy Smith